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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

General Administration (SS) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(Ms)No.84/2025/GAD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 13th June 2025.

S. R. O. No. 671/2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (2) and (3) of Article 166 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Kerala hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Rules of Business of the Government of Kerala, namely:-



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Rules of Business of the Government of Kerala (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*— In the Rules of Business of the Government of Kerala, under PART I, -

(1) in rule 2, for sub-rule (c) the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“(c) “Secretary” means a Secretary to the Government of the State; and includes an Ex-officio Secretary, a Special Secretary, an Additional Secretary, a Joint Secretary and a Deputy Secretary. ”

(2) under the heading “SECTION I - ALLOCATION AND DISPOSAL OF BUSINESS” for rule 12 the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“12. Every order or instruments of the Government of the State shall be signed by a Secretary, an Ex-officio Secretary, a Special Secretary, an Additional Secretary, a Joint Secretary, a Deputy Secretary, an Under Secretary or such other officer as may be specially empowered in that behalf and such signature shall be deemed to be the proper authentication of such order or instrument.”

By order of the Governor,
K. BIJU,
Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

In the Department of Science and Technology, the Executive Vice President of the Council for Science, Technology and Environment is the Ex-officio Secretary of that Department since 2002. The Chief Executive Officer of Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board is the Ex-officio Secretary of the Department of Finance (Infrastructure) as per the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (Amendment) Act, 2016. Since 2018, an Ex-officio Secretary has been appointed in the Department of



Planning and Economic Affairs. After 2021, when the Development and Innovation Council was formed under the Department of Planning and Economic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chairperson is the Ex-officio Secretary of that Department as per its constitution and bye-laws.

The term Ex-officio Secretary does not refer to a new category of Secretaries, but only to how the post originated. However the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) of the Central Government specifically states that Secretariat officers with Ex-officio status will also have the power to issue Government orders. Therefore, it would be desirable to have similar clarification in the Kerala Government's Rules of Business on the same pattern. The Government have, therefore decided to amend the Rules of Business of the Government of Kerala, for the said purposes.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

